

IN MEMORY OF STEVE GRAF

No matter how powerfully we know we are more than our physical bodies, that consciousness is a continuum, and that nothing ever dies, losing a friend hurts. There's just something exquisitely poignant about realizing that a beloved and unique body-mind-spirit entity will never again grace this, or any, existence in precisely the same way.

We heard recently of the death of Stephen Graf, long-time friend and supporter of The Monroe Institute. Steve's brother-in-law and fellow Professional Member Jack Auman kindly brought us the news. He attached the lovely tribute written by Steve's wife and three daughters. Excerpted from that tribute:

Stephen A. Graf, 67, of Poland, Ohio, died at his home in the company of his family on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 [from a rare form of lung cancer].

... Steve went to Miami (OH) University and was a three-year letter winner in baseball. He then obtained his Doctorate from the Ohio State University before becoming a psychology professor at Youngstown State University. While at YSU, he was also an assistant baseball coach with Dom Rosselli for several years.

Honored as a distinguished professor, and featured in Who's Who Among American Teachers, 'The Graffer' influenced the lives of many of his students. Some of his more memorable teaching methods included the use of SAFMEDS, standard celeration charts, clicker training, and authoring the books he used for his classes. He retired from YSU in 2005, but he and Jack Auman, continued to teach a course about extraterrestrials through 2010.

In January of this year, Steve was honored with the Ogden R. Lindsley Lifetime Achievement Award from the Standard Celeration Society, an organization he presided over for two years. He was a keynote speaker at the International Precision Teaching Conference and editor of the Association for Behavioral Analysis newsletter for nine years. He was highly involved in the CSETI organization and The Orion Project.

During the more than two decades he served as a Professional Member of The Monroe Institute, Steve's presence at the Professional Seminar became synonymous with the spirit of collaboration and camaraderie that defined that group. His many contributions include several articles published in TMI's *Journal*, including

- Measuring Inner and Outer Behavioral Effects of Hemi-Sync [1993]
- Re-Creating Recreation: Hemi-Sync in Competitive and Cooperative Situations [1995]
- Analyzing Results From the Remote Viewing Practicum [2002]

Steve was a dedicated Dolphin Energy Club member from the inception of DEC. True to form, he acknowledged every request. Each e-mail, letter, and card he signed, "As ever."
We remember Steve's shy ready smile, his quiet quirky sense of humor, and that he was game for pretty much anything. Not to mention, the man could count! Steve took good-natured ribbing from his TMI colleagues for counting absolutely **everything**—to excellent effect.

Thank you, Steve! You are deeply appreciated. You are missed. As ever,
Your Friends at The Monroe Institute

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